

## House Resolution No. 244

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has wholeheartedly dedicated his life in service to the Lord; and

**Whereas**, the Reverend Mark Dolan, a treasured resident of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Missouri, is stepping down as Pastor of St. Jerome Church after ten years of exceptional service and dedication; and

**Whereas**, ordained on May 22, 1976, Pastor Dolan served as Associate Pastor at St. Jerome Church from June 23, 1982, to June 5, 1987, and accepted the duties of Pastor on June 2, 1995; and

**Whereas**, Brother Tobias, known to all as "Toby", arrived in 1999 and soon became known as the congregation's four-legged associate; and

**Whereas**, during his illustrious tenure, Pastor Dolan helped his congregation to grow as a community by igniting the fire of faith in their hearts and initiated new parish services and new liturgical additions including the Anima Christi Prayer after all masses, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Christmas Novena; and

**Whereas**, a wonderful spiritual leader and advisor who has become a beloved member of a community that has benefitted from his guidance and leadership and will deeply miss him, Pastor Dolan is also credited with establishing Pentecost Sunday as "Red Dress Up Day"; and

**Whereas**, Pastor Dolan is the oldest of five children born to proud and loving parents Bernard and Loretta Dolan:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Pastor Dolan for his twenty-three years of unparalleled service to St. Jerome Church, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Mark Dolan.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Gina Walsh  
District No. 69

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 244, adopted January 26, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker